

community. As the general manager of the WOSU stations, Dale was responsible for the addition of more than four new stations and the expansion of the listening area. He is also the founding member and first Board President of the Ohio Public Broadcasting Alliance and Public Radio in Mid-America. Dale is a board member and past president of the Ohio Educational Television Stations and Ohio Public Radio. He has helped to educate tomorrow's leaders as a professor of Communications and Journalism at The Ohio State University. Finally, Dale is a co-founder and past Chairman of Kids Voting Ohio, a past president of the Dublin/Worthington Rotary Club, and a member of the Columbus Zoo Board.

Dale's work has been honored at the highest levels of the industry. His commendations include National Public Radio's highest award for distinguished service, the Edward Elson Award. His contributions to broadcasting have also been recognized by Public Radio in Mid-America, the National Black Programming Consortium, the International Dictionary of Distinguished Leadership, and the Ohio Educational Broadcasting Association.

Mr. Speaker, Dale Ouzts has set a standard for professional achievement and community involvement that few can match. I'm proud to join his family, friends and others in our community in thanking him for his many years of exemplary service.

TRIBUTE TO GLEN STONEBRINK

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 6, 2003

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Glen Stonebrink, on the occasion of his retirement. During his long and distinguished career, Glen has committed his energy and efforts to making both his community and the State of Oregon better places to live. Glen's accomplishments range from educating our young people to advocating on behalf of rural Americans, two pursuits that he has approached with selfless dedication. His commitment, spirit and devotion to his fellow citizens have been his most defining trait over the years, and I am proud to call Glen and his wonderful wife, Loydee, my friends.

As a high school teacher at Yamhill Carlton High School and then as a college professor at Linfield College, Glen devoted his energy and talent to training a new generation of Oregonians in math, physics, and computer science. It is perhaps Glen's dedication and devotion to the young people he instructed that will serve as his most enduring legacy.

As many of my colleagues know, the West is known for its stunning natural beauty, fertile soil and lush timberlands. We owe a debt of gratitude to those individuals who devote themselves to protecting our national treasures while preserving the farming and ranching way of life for future generations. Growing up on his family's wheat and cattle ranch in the high country of Wallowa County, Glen learned firsthand the importance of balancing these interests while working to protect the values of rural Oregonians.

Glen's real world understanding and education in natural resource issues led to his appointment under both the Reagan and Bush

Administrations as the State Executive Director for the Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service, now known as the Farm Service Agency. In this prestigious position he had the opportunity to help preserve and promote American agriculture while working with farmers to implement programs to conserve land and water resources.

After his term as State Executive Director of the Oregon Farm Services Agency, Glen brought his knowledge of the West to Washington, D.C., where he worked as the Legislative Director for Congresswoman Helen Chenoweth of Idaho. During his tenure working on Capitol Hill, my staff worked closely with him on a number of issues impacting the cattle and ranching industry.

For the last six years, Glen has served as the Executive Director of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association, working to protect the ranching way of life. Glen has been a tireless advocate for rural issues ranging from private property rights to water rights. He is also called upon frequently to advise groups on natural resource issues and provide assistance in working with the federal government.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Glen Stonebrink on the many achievements that mark his long and impressive career. I am grateful for all that he has done on behalf of the people of Oregon and the people of the rural West. I wish Glen, Loydee and their entire family all the best in their future endeavors.

HONORING MR. ED SEDER ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROB SIMMONS

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 6, 2003

Mr. SIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, every community has certain individuals who define it. These are people who, by virtue of their character and commitment, make the community a better place in which to live and work.

In my district, Connecticut's Second District, in the city of Norwich, Ed Seder is such an individual. Ed recently celebrated his 90th birthday. I have been friends with Ed for many years. For decades he has been a pillar in the Norwich business community and he represents the city's rich industrial past.

Ed projects a vibrant energy and continues to be involved with the community, proving that although we can't help growing older we don't have to get old. As an old saying informs us, "You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake." Ed is not quite there yet.

The Seder family owns the second oldest family business still in existence in Norwich—Shetucket Paper and Supply. The business was established in 1918 and Ed still works there. Ed has been active in the community for many years—he served on the city school board and in the 1960s he was a member of the Norwich City Council.

Throughout his adult life he has had the support and love of his wonderful wife Lillian and their three children.

How do folks keep a business thriving for so many years? The answer is simple—they work at it. That's the old-fashioned concept of hard work that made America what it is today—a

free and flourishing nation that draws people with dreams and aspirations from all over the world.

Ed Seder and his family have achieved because they worked at it. He's the kind of person who found solutions to problems because he looked for them and then he worked at them. When Ed Seder tells you something, you can take it to the bank.

If you think about what you ought to do for other people, your character will take care of itself. Ed Seder is a man of character. He has spent his lifetime working for and in his community. As a result, Norwich, Connecticut is a better place to live, work and raise a family thanks to Ed Seder. Happy birthday, Ed.

PUBLIC SAFETY INTEROPERABILITY: CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW

HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 6, 2003

Ms. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend Chairman SHAYS and Ranking Member KUCINICH for calling this important hearing on Public Safety Interoperability. Earlier this year, I met with Fire Stations and Police Departments in my district. Each one of them highlighted the need for a communications system that would allow law enforcement, fire fighters, and other first responders to talk to one another.

To this end, the Los Angeles County Fire Department with minimal resources and funds initiated an interoperability communications pilot program, known as the Los Angeles Regional Tactical Communication System (LARTCS). This system enables various agencies to directly speak to another on one channel for both short-term and long-term incidents.

The pilot program only serves a portion of the County, while the Los Angeles County Fire Department provides services to 58 municipalities and spans a 3,000-mile radius. This includes dense, rural, and remote suburban areas.

The LARTCS has already proven to be a success, particularly in the southern California wildfires. According to the Los Angeles County Assistant Fire Chief, Eric Ekeberg, "the fires hit the region really hard, but it could have been a lot worse if the communication system was not in place."

I commend the foresight and dedication of the Los Angeles County Fire Department and all participating agencies that includes law enforcement, EMS, and other first responders for establishing this pilot program. Amazingly, this system was put in with minimal funds.

This successful pilot program proves that Congress needs to do more to fund interoperability systems, whether it is through additional FEMA grants or cutting the red tape, so that the first responders of LA County, and multiple counties throughout California and the nation, can talk to one another.

We need to do more to protect our public servants as well as the general population. Therefore, I look forward to the testimonies of the witnesses who might shed some light on this salient issue, not just for first responders, but all Americans.

Again, I would like to thank the Chairman and Ranking Member for holding this very important hearing.

TRIBUTE TO ALAMEDA COUNTY
VETERANS, 50TH ANNUAL VET-
ERANS DAY PARADE

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 6, 2003

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Veterans Day on November 11, 2003 and to pay tribute to the veterans in Alameda County, California. As we pause to remember the valiant men and women who have nobly served our country, I join the Alameda County Veterans' Affairs Commission and the city of Hayward to commemorate Alameda County's 50th Annual Veterans Day Parade.

The Alameda County Veterans' Affairs Commission is a diverse group of men and women who stand together with the same discipline and patriotism and the same values and uncommon valor that they fostered in the battles they fought for our nation. Last year's program, Honoring All Who Served, stated, "as long as there are men and women in uniform, stationed across the world, there will be a body of veterans' organizations defending and upholding the rights of our fighting men and women." I commend their tireless efforts.

This year, the Commission has again taken the charge to prepare and promote the annual Veterans Day Parade ceremonies. I join them in honoring our veterans and in dedication to world peace.

VETERANS

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 6, 2003

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, as we approach our annual celebration of Veteran's Day, this year we do so in the knowledge that our brave fighting men and women and those who support their efforts, are in the field in Iraq, in Afghanistan and in Guantanamo Bay, right now in defense of our country and our freedoms.

Mr. Speaker, all of our veterans have served with distinction and deserve the benefits that they have earned. That's why it is important that we invest in their health care and we ensure there is more than enough funding for the VA clinics and hospitals across the country so that our veterans of wars past and wars present can be well cared for.

Mr. Speaker, that is why our veterans deserve to have their tax burdens lifted, including the disabled veterans tax. They deserve to enjoy tax relief such as the child tax credit and they deserve to have their pay increased especially at this time, when they are being asked to sacrifice so much.

Mr. Speaker, the veterans of the U.S. territories, who have served in many wars with distinction, despite not being able to vote for president and not having voting representation in Congress, are also in need of increased health benefits, tax relief and access to business and other opportunities.

Over 200 soldiers from my district are currently serving in the Middle East, with many more in the National Guard and Reserve who have been called up to serve their country at different places across the world at this time.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to salute the veterans from my district who are being honored this weekend and who have served in the major conflicts of our time from World War II to Vietnam to the first Persian Gulf . . . they include Gloria Bell, Peter Thurland, Juan Cruz, Earl Morris, Olaf Jackson, Evelyn Crittenden, Agnes Day Henry, Edgar Iles, Nevlin Williams and Otto Tranberg.

Mr. Speaker, this year, it is important that our soldiers in the field, our veterans and their families all know that we appreciate their sacrifice and that this body pledges to support them in the best way that we possibly can.

HONORING JOYCE McCULLUM

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 6, 2003

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great woman and public educator, Ms. Joyce McCullum, for her 36 years of dedicated educational service to the community. Today, Ms. McCullum retires from her position as a teacher and administrator in the Oakland Unified School District in California.

B. Joyce Garrett McCullum was born to Willie Garrett and Rosa M. Jones in Pineland, Texas. She graduated from Vernon High School in Leesville, Louisiana, and earned a bachelor's degree in vocal music education from Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She was then appointed to a Ford Foundation Fellowship and received a master's degree in music from Holy Names College in Oakland, California.

In September, 1967, Joyce McCullum began her educational career with the Oakland Public Schools as a teacher at Lockwood Elementary School, and continued at Hoover Jr. High, Lowell Jr. High, Roosevelt Jr. High, and Marcus A. Foster Middle School. She served as an administrator at Marcus Foster Middle School, Hoover Elementary School, E. Morris Cox Elementary, and then taught some more at Havenscourt Jr. High and Verdess R. Carter Middle School.

Ms. McCullum was predeceased by the late Reverend James T. McCullum, Sr., Pastor of New Hope Baptist Church for 32 years. She is also the proud stepmother of James T. McCullum, Jr., and grandmother of four grandchildren, and a surrogate mother to many. Joyce has been Director of Youth at New Hope Baptist Church, part of the Home and Foreign Mission District Association, and youth counselor for the California State Baptist Convention, Inc. Youth and Young Adult Auxiliary.

She has been actively involved in community services, having served as a life member of the NAACP, as President of the Oakland Alliance of Black School Educators, a life member of the National Association of Negro Musicians (NANM) and the Golden Gate Branch of NANM. She is also a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Alpha Nu Omega Chapter, the Oakland Education Association, United Administrators of Oakland, and the Oakland Music Educators Association.

Finally, as we honor Ms. McCullum today, I want to thank her for being an exemplary role model, administrator, and teacher. I take great pride in joining the students of Oakland, Ms. McCullum's family, friends and colleagues to recognize and salute the accomplishments and contributions of B. Joyce Garret McCullum and wish her an exciting and gratifying retirement.

RECOGNIZING THOMAS M. REEDY
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 6, 2003

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Thomas M. Reedy, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 175, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Thomas has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the seven years Thomas has been involved with scouting, he has held numerous leadership positions, serving as Troop-Patrol Leader and Instructor. Thomas is also a Brave in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and participated in High Adventure.

For his Eagle Scout project, Thomas built, stained, and installed sturdy oak bunk ladders for the Rotary Camp in Lee's Summit, Missouri, where Thomas went on his first official campout as a Boy Scout.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Thomas Reedy for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 6, 2003

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on November 4, on rollcall vote No. 603, H. Con. Res. 94, Sense of Congress that community inclusion and enhanced lives for individuals with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities is at serious risk because of the crisis in recruiting and retaining direct support professionals which impedes availability of a stable workforce; I was detained in my district on official business, and I would have voted "aye."

On November 4, on rollcall vote No. 602, H. Con. Res. 176, Supporting the goals and ideals of Financial Planning Week; I was detained in my district on official business, and I would have voted "aye."

On November 5, on rollcall vote No. 609, H.R. 3365, Fallen Patriots Tax Relief Act; I was detained in my district on official business, and I would have voted "aye."

On November 5, on rollcall vote No. 608, H.R. 3214, Advancing Justice Through DNA Technology Act; I was detained in my district on official business, and I would have voted "aye."